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There is no sport in the world more popular than soccer. Any chest-thumping football or basketball fan can try to tell you otherwise, but there is no other sporting event on this planet that will grab the attention of three billion fanatics and subsequently make time stand still more than the FIFA World Cup. Today, the competition four years in the making kicks off from Russia where foreign relations, politics, dictators and war take a backseat to sport. That's how the world should be always, but I'll take a month. Start studying up now, Americans. We're hosting the biggest event of the most beautiful game in 2026.

LAWMAKER: NO SEX WITH FOREIGN MEN DURING CUP

1 Russian women should avoid sex with non-white foreign men during the soccer World Cup because they could become single mothers to mixed race children, a senior lawmaker in Moscow said on Wednesday. Even when Russian women marry foreigners the relationships often end badly, said Tamara Pletnyova, head of parliament's committee for families, women and children. Women are often stranded abroad or in Russia but unable to get their children back, she said. She spoke in response to a question from a radio station about the so-called "Children of the Olympics" after the Moscow Games in 1980, a time when contraception was not widely available in the country. The term was used during the Soviet era to describe non-white children conceived at international events after relationships between Russian women and men from Africa, Latin America, or Asia. Many of the children faced discrimination. "We must give birth to our children. These [mixed race] kids suffer and have suffered since Soviet times," Pletnyova told Govorit Moskva radio station.

UKRAINIAN DIRECTOR TO CONTINUE HUNGER STRIKE

2 A Ukrainian film director jailed in Russia on what he says are political charges has promised to press on with a hunger strike that could end his life while Russia is hosting the soccer World Cup. Oleg Sentsov, who has been on hunger strike since May 14, wants to highlight Russia's human rights record at a time when it is in the global spotlight, and also to secure the release of other Ukrainians jailed in Russia. Sentsov views them too as political prisoners, a description Moscow rejects. Human rights activists and Ukrainian politicians hope that President Vladimir Putin might release Sentsov and others as a good will gesture for the World Cup or as part of a prisoner swap with Kiev, something Putin has so far declined to do. More than 50 writers and figures from the arts world, including novelists Salman Rushdie and Margaret Atwood, have written to Putin asking him to free Sentsov, who has said he is ready to die to bring attention to his case. A Russian military court sentenced Sentsov to 20 years in a maximum security prison in 2015 after finding him guilty of setting fire to two offices in Crimea, including one belonging to Russia's ruling political party.

RUSSIA'S PSYCHIC CAT ACHILLES PICKS HOME TEAM FOR WORLD CUP OPENER

3 Want to know who will win the first match of the World Cup? The cat's out of the bag: It's Russia. At least that's the prediction of Achilles, a cat in St. Petersburg reputed to have psychic powers. Offered a choice of two bowls of food, the white feline hesitated before choosing one with the Russian flag, dismissing Saudi Arabia's chances of a win in Moscow on Thursday — a relief to the host nation, considered one of the weakest sides in the tournament despite the home advantage. Achilles, who lives in St. Petersburg's Hermitage Museum, is deaf, something his minders say means he will not be easily distracted by onlookers while making his prediction. They did not say whether the sight of the national flags might sway his choice. The World Cup will be played at venues across Russia until the Final on July 15.

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NO 'PARTY LIKE A RUSSIAN' FOR ROBBIE WILLIAMS

4 British pop star Robbie Williams, who will be performing at the World Cup opening ceremony in Moscow on Thursday, said he will not be performing his hit song "Party Like a Russian." Speaking to Reuters on Tuesday after a rehearsal for the show, Williams said he will be performing "a medley, a smorgasbord of my greatest hits" alongside Russian soprano Aida Garifullina. "I would love to do 'Party Like a Russian.' Unfortunately I've been asked not to do 'Party Like a Russian,'" he said. Williams immediately added: "Actually, it has nothing to do with not being asked. It's about me doing my biggest hits that are the best known." In the 2016 track, the Brit sings, "It takes a certain kind of man with a certain reputation, to alleviate the cash from a whole entire nation." In the accompanying music video, ballerinas twirl around Williams in a lavish setting. Pro-Kremlin media outlets were critical, suggesting Williams could be snubbed by Russian event organizers because of the song. In response, Williams wrote on Twitter at the time that "this song is definitely not about Mr Putin."

WORLD CUP SECURITY HAS WAR LINKS TO KREMLIN

5 Russian paramilitary units providing security for the soccer World Cup included among their members Cossack fighters who took part in clandestine campaigns in Ukraine and Syria that Kiev and Washington condemn as backed by Moscow. More than 800 members of at least six local Cossack organizations will patrol the streets, fan zones and team bases during the five-week tournament starting on Thursday, according to Cossack leaders and regional officials. In some places in Russia they will also work on match days as stewards or volunteers, the Cossack commanders said. At least 19 members of these groups have been identified by Reuters as having fought either alongside Moscow-backed separatist rebels in eastern Ukraine or as Kremlin-backed private military contractors in Syria in support of Moscow's ally, President Bashar al-Assad. Reuters identified the fighters and confirmed they belonged to the paramilitary groups through relatives, friends and their fellow Cossacks after they died or were captured. The number would likely be much higher if those who are still alive could be included.

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ReeAnna Segin was arrested for allegedly trying to set a "Blue Lives Matter" flag on fire during the Philly Pride Parade on June 10. PPD

Charges reduced for protester who tried to burn flag at Pride

ReeAnna Segin, who tried to burn a "Blue Lives Matter" banner, will face misdemeanor charges.

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Felony charges have been dropped against a trans protester who was arrested during the Philly Pride parade for allegedly trying to light a pro-cop flag on fire.

ReeAnna Segin, an 18-year-old trans woman from Woodbine, New Jersey, who was arrested June 10 in the Gayborhood, and released on bail the following day, will now only face misdemeanor charges for the incident, Philly DA Larry Krasner's office announced.

The felony charges of causing or risking a catastrophe and attempted arson were withdrawn by prosecutors at a hearing Wednesday before Judge Patrick Dugan. Segin remains charged and scheduled for trial on charges of possession of an instrument of crime and recklessly endangering another person.

"These charges were withdrawn after additional investigation into the incident by the district attorney's office," the office said in a statement.

Segin reportedly did not actually start a fire, but was about to when police spotted her dousing a flag with an accelerant identified as paint thinner. Segin had an American flag designed with blue stripes, sometimes referred to as a Blue Lives Matter flag, typically used as a pro-police symbol. She also reportedly had two flares in their backpack along with a lighter, the DA's office said.

Segin was detained on $5,000 bail. Supporters, including members of the Philly Socialists and Philly for REAL Justice group, posted bail June 11 and Segin was released later that day. Supporters complained that Segin was detained at Curran Fromhold Correctional Facility, a men's jail.

"We cannot release much information at this time, but this incident highlights why cops should not be allowed at any Pride parades," the Philly Socialists, who supported Segin and raised funds for bail, said in a statement. "As an institution, the police have no place at Pride. Police presence at Pride represents an affront to LGBTQ people and people of color, who daily face threat of unjustified, brutal violence and death at the hands of the police state.

"We must not forget the courageous work of trans women of color activists like Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera, whose actions at Stonewall against the dehumanizing systems of police oppression laid the groundwork for Pride and for the LGBT movement as a whole."

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Seventeen U.S. cities and three cities from both Canada and Mexico will be considered to host games at the 2026 World Cup. GETTY IMAGES

USA, Mexico, Canada to co-host the 2026 World Cup

FIFA announced on Wednesday that North America was the winning bid to host the world's largest soccer tournament.

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The United States has eight years to brush up on its soccer knowledge after FIFA announced that the World Cup will be hosted by the country alongside Canada and Mexico in 2026. The North American bid easily beat the one submitted by Morocco by a tally of 134 votes to just 65.

It is the fourth time ever that the tournament will be held in North America. Mexico hosted it twice in 1970 and 1986, while the United States were the 1994 hosts.

This will be the first time that three countries will join together to host the competition, and the 2002 World Cup was the only time that multiple countries, Japan and South Korea, hosted.

The United States will hold the overwhelming majority of the games while Mexico and Canada will host 10 each. Much of that has to do with its existing infrastructure that includes a plethora of large stadiums in major cities that will attract millions of fans.

The World Cup semi-finals and Final are expected to be held in the United States the same year the competition expands its field from 32 to 48 countries.

FIFA's decision-making process for the 2026 World Cup was significantly different after corruption charges during the 2010 selection of the 2018 (Russia) and 2022 (Qatar) hosts. Instead of a 24-man committee, more than 200 member nations held a vote.

There were some political concerns surrounding the possibility of the United States hosting the tournament. The international perception of President Donald Trump is less than favorable, especially after his travel and immigration policies regarding Muslim countries. But during the delegation process, FIFA president Carlos Cordeiro presented three letters from the White House stating that it would have no bearing on the tournament whatsoever, per The New York Times.

The 2018 World Cup, which kicks off on Thursday in Russia, will feature four Arab nations — Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and Morocco.

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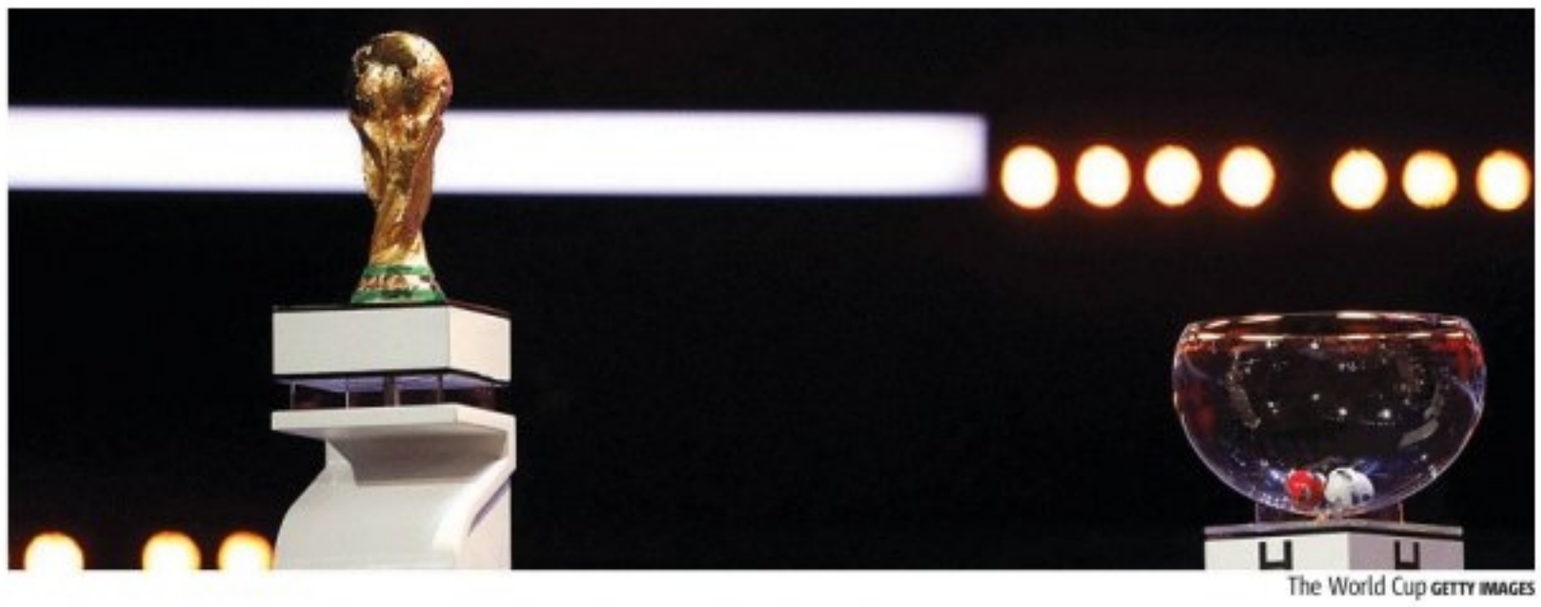

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THE NUMBERS

* The United Bid received 134 votes compared to 65 for Morocco from members of the FIFA Congress. One member voted for "neither bid."

* The members behind the United Bid pledged that a World Cup in North America would generate an $11 billion profit.

* The United Bid also projected that a World Cup in North America would generate more than $5 billion in short-term economic activity, including the creation of 40,000 jobs and more than $1 billion in incremental worker earnings for the candidate host cities and countries.

* The United Bid projects more than 5.8 million tickets will be sold, generating more than $2 billion in ticketing revenue.

VENUES

* The United Bid has prospective stadiums situated across 23 candidate cities, from which 16 will be selected.

* The 17 U.S. candidate cities are Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Cincinnati, Dallas, Denver, Houston, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Miami, Nashville, New York/New Jersey, Orlando, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Seattle and Washington.

* Canada (Edmonton, Montreal and Toronto) and Mexico (Guadalajara, Mexico City and Monterrey) each have three candidate cities.

PREVIOUS BIDS

1970 - Mexico was chosen ahead of the only other submitted bid from Argentina. The tournament was the first World Cup hosted in North America.

1986 - Mexico became the first nation to stage the tournament twice after they replaced Colombia as the host country when the latter dropped out for financial reasons. The replacement host beat bids from Canada and the United States.

1994 - The United States beat out Brazil and Morocco for hosting duties after one round of voting. The attendance of nearly 3.6 million remains the highest in World Cup history.

2022 - The United States reached the fourth and final round of voting but lost to Qatar in a 14-8 vote.

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Philly lawyer suspended for 'conflict of interest' in Swarthmore sex assault lawsuit

A lawyer whose license was suspended for one year says an alleged conflict of interest in Swarthmore sex assault cases was unintentional.

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A Philadelphia lawyer who represented a group of feminist students at Swarthmore College in a 2013 complaint attacking the school's sex assault policies has been suspended for later filing a lawsuit on behalf of a male student who said that same group got him wrongly accused and expelled.

Raul Jauregui had his license to practice law in Pennsylvania suspended for one year, after the above actions were found to be a conflict of interest by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court on June 11. But he said any conflicts were unintentional.

"I am passionate about helping victims of sexual assault, and I had a conflict," he said. "I did a conflict check and I believed there was no conflicts."

In 2013, Jauregui was hired to represent a group of female Swarthmore students as they prepared a complaint the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights against the school, alleging it had inadequately responded to students' complaints of sexual assault. The complaint included multiple anonymous allegations by some 14 students and was covered by media nationwide.

> **"I am passionate about helping victims of sexual assault, and I had a conflict."**
>
> Raul Jauregui

Two years later, Jauregui sued Swarthmore on behalf of a male student who claimed he was wrongly accused of sexual assault and expelled. That male student, called Juan Doe in court papers, had been accused by the 2013 Swarthmore report Jaurequi helped prepare. Jaurequi said he didn't realize his client was in the report because all the names were anonymous.

According to the ODC, Jauregui wrote in his 2015 lawsuit that Juan was targeted by an "angry feminist cabal" at Swarthmore. He said the student who directly hired him, called "Activist #1" in the suit, was the common link between the tragic sham-complaints brought against Juan by Jane," and claimed she "encouraged and provided incentives that led Jane to manufacture a sham of a complaint of sexual assault against Juan." It is technically a violation of legal ethics for an attorney to represent one client whose case is "materially adverse" to a previous client's, unless they have obtained informed consent from the previous client.

Back in 2013, Jauregui had begun to represent Activist #1 and other Swarthmore students after they filed a Clery complaint against their

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school claiming it wasn't responding seriously enough to their complaints of sexual assault. Jauregui helped the students prepare a Title IX complaint.

But in his lawsuit on behalf of Juan, Jauregui claimed Swarthmore students "began to radicalize and take matters in their own hands in an often heroic, sometimes cruel and as concerns Juan clearly false attempt to make Swarthmore a safe place for women," including, he alleged, encouraging a female student to file a false complaint against Juan. Jauregui asserted that Juan was sexually assaulted by Jane, not the other way around.

ISTOCK

In 2015, Jauregui was banned from Swarthmore's campus. He said the ban was "retaliatory" and came one day after he filed the lawsuit on behalf of Juan. In June 2016, Swarthmore moved to disqualify Jauregui from Juan's lawsuit, after "Activist #1" contacted them with the claim that Jauregui was using confidential information from his representation of her to sue the school, Swarthmore's attorneys said in court papers. (Activist #1 declined to comment on Jauregui's suspension).

"I believe that my work never disclosed or relied on confidential information of [Activist #1's]" Jauregui responded in court papers. "I honestly believe that I have only taken positions consistent with what I understand hers to be — advocating for victims of sexual assault at Swarthmore College, of which my client is one."

However, Jauregui also agreed in that letter to withdraw from the case, saying he could not "effectively represent" his client in the face of [Activist #1's] complaints. "Ending my involvement in this case is an extremely painful action for me to take because I believe wholeheartedly in my client," he wrote.

Jauregui's suspension order also was based in part on what OCD said was a "frivolous litigation" filed on behalf of his mother against her employer.

Jauregui maintains that Juan was wrongly accused and expelled.

"As soon as I learned that there was a conflict, I acted accordingly," he said. "But this isn't about my conflict. It's about solving the national crisis of Title IX false accusations."

Meanwhile, the tempest over sexual assault that started in Swarthmore in 2013 is still being felt on campus. Last month, students claiming the school was not sufficiently responding to sexual assault reports occupied the office of Dean of Students Liz Braun for more than week to demand she and other staff resign. Braun resigned her position later that month.

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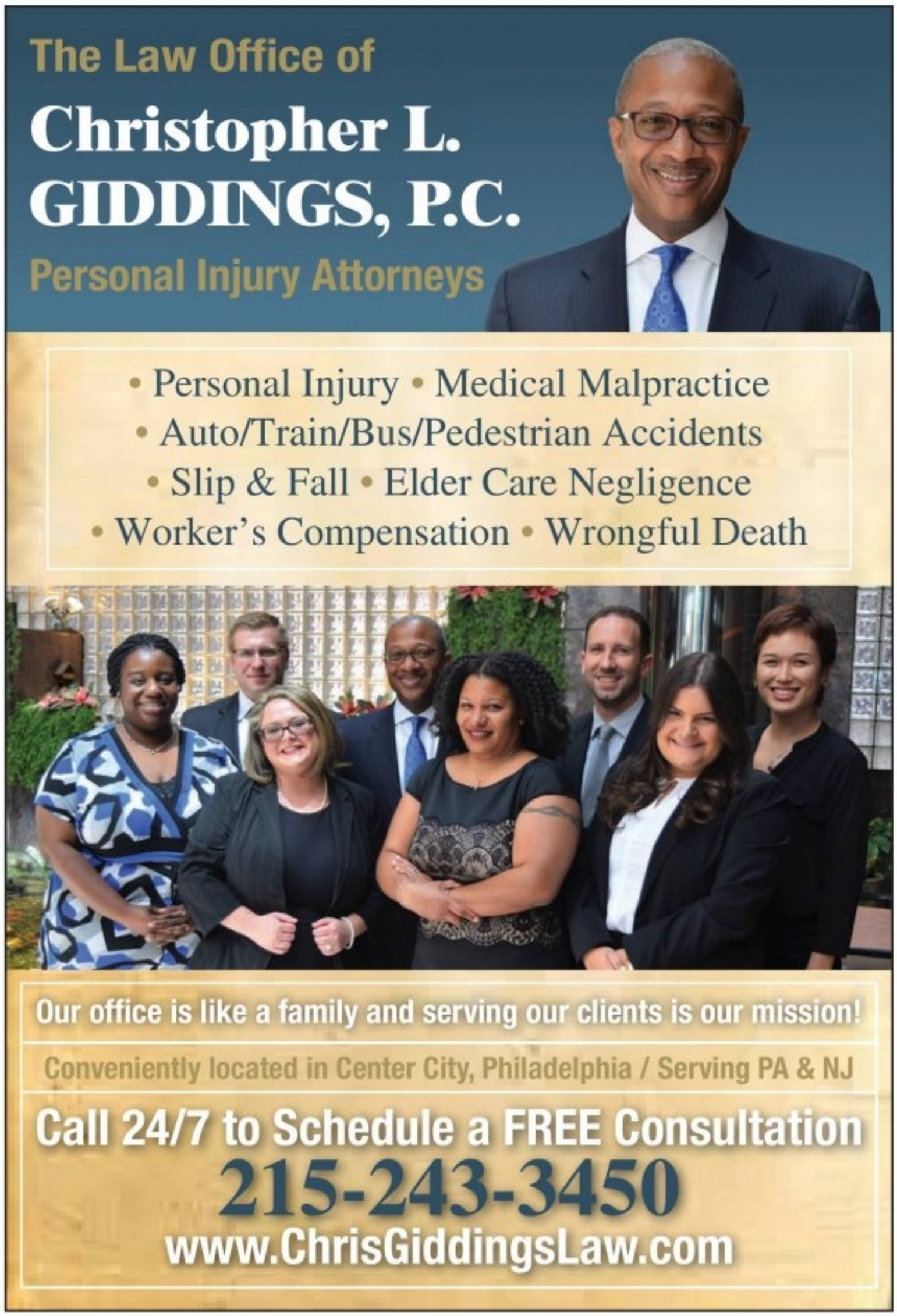
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Attorneys for Trump lawyer Cohen to end representation: Source

Trump allies fear that the president's former attorney may cooperate with federal investigators.

Michael Cohen, former personal lawyer for President Donald Trump, is expected to part ways with attorneys handling the criminal investigation into his business dealings, a person familiar with the matter told Reuters.

Cohen's lawyers Stephen Ryan and Todd Harrison of McDermott, Will & Emery LLP, a Washington and New York firm, are expected to complete a review of documents seized by federal prosecutors in an April raid on Cohen's home and office. The court has set a Friday deadline for completion of the review.

Cohen will hire other counsel once the review is complete, the person familiar with the matter told Reuters on condition of anonymity. Cohen wants to hire a lawyer who has a relationship with the U.S. prosecutor's office in Manhattan, the source added.

Cohen did not respond to calls and texts seeking comment. Ryan and Harrison did not respond to questions about the expected legal change, which was first reported by ABC News.

The criminal probe into Cohen's business dealings stems in part from a referral by Special Counsel Robert Mueller, who is investigating whether Trump's 2016 campaign colluded with Russia to influence the U.S. presidential election.

Trump has repeatedly said there was no collusion, and Russia has denied interference. Cohen has not been criminally charged, but a source familiar with the investigation told Reuters in April that federal prosecutors in New York are investigating him for possible bank and tax fraud, and for possible campaign law violations connected with a payment to a porn actress and matters concerning foreign support of Trump's 2016 campaign.

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Roughly 3.7 million files were seized in the Cohen raid and are being reviewed to determine which ones may be subject to attorney-client privilege.

Cohen believes he hasn't gotten enough support from President Trump. GETTY IMAGES

Roughly 3.7 million files were seized in the Cohen raid and are being reviewed to determine which ones may be subject to attorney-client privilege. Judge Kimba Wood set a June 15 deadline for Cohen's and Trump's lawyers to finish their review and has appointed a special master to vet claims of privilege.

It was not clear what the planned change in attorneys might mean for Cohen's legal strategy.

The probe has taken a toll on Cohen, who has expressed worries about the financial burden of mounting a legal defense against federal prosecutors with extensive resources, according to a friend who spoke with Cohen in the past few days.

The friend, who spoke on condition of anonymity, also told Reuters that Cohen has complained that he does not feel he has received enough support from Trump in dealing with the situation.

Cohen has admitted that he made a $130,000 payment shortly before the 2016 election to porn star Stormy Daniels, who has said she had sex with Trump in 2006 and was paid to keep quiet about it. Cohen did not acknowledge the payment until after it became public through media reports.

Legal experts have said the payment could amount to a violation of campaign finance law, which requires public disclosure of expenses meant to influence the election.

Trump has said he never had an affair with Daniels. REUTERS

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Comcast offers $65 billion to lure Fox from Disney bid

Comcast's offer comes a day after a federal judge OK'd an $85 billion merger between AT&T and Time Warner. GETTY IMAGES

Comcast Corp. offered $65 billion on Wednesday to lure Twenty-First Century Fox Inc. away from a merger with Walt Disney Co., setting up a bidding war between two of the largest U.S. media companies with its 20 percent higher offer.

Comcast Chief Executive Brian Roberts said he was highly confident regulators would allow Comcast to acquire most of Fox's media assets after AT&T's court victory on Tuesday, which allowed it to buy Time Warner Inc. for $85 billion.

The fight to win Fox's assets is shaping up to be a summer blockbuster starring well-known media moguls, led by Rupert Murdoch who built Fox into a global media empire. Comcast's Roberts, who led a failed bid for Disney in 2004, now faces off against Disney Chief Executive Robert Iger, whose own dealmaking has added heroes from Pixar, Star Wars and Marvel comics to the home of Mickey Mouse.

Fox's board will now have to decide whether Comcast's offer beats Disney's. If Fox prefers Comcast, Disney will have five business days to respond.

Comcast may have a tough time winning over Fox's largest shareholder, the Murdoch family. They own a 17-percent stake and would face a multi-billion dollar capital gains tax bill by accepting an all-cash offer from Comcast, tax experts previously told Reuters.

Fox shareholders will vote July 10 on the Disney transaction but the company could postpone the meeting, Fox said in a statement.

A merger between Fox and Comcast would create a company with a stable of well-known media brands and franchises, such as the X-Men superheroes. A combined company would hold the rights to air Fox's long running TV show "The Simpsons," the U.S. rights to the Olympics and Premier League Soccer. REUTERS

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Kanye's album 'Ye' hits No. 1 on Billboard chart

If embracing President Trump was a publicity stunt, it worked for Yeezy.

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Cozying up to President Trump has paid off for Kanye West, whose latest album just hit No. 1 on the Billboard 200, bringing him one step closer to a record.

West's "Ye" is his eighth No. 1 album on the chart; he and Eminem are now tied for the second-most hip-hop albums to hit the top spot. "Only Jay-Z is ahead of them, as he owns 14 chart-toppers," says Billboard. "Among all acts, The Beatles have the most No. 1s, with 19."

Breaking a long silence, West returned to Twitter on April 25 to announce the new album was due. He didn't waste time in stirring up controversy, calling Trump his "brother" and tweeting "you don't have to agree with trump but the mob can't make me not love him." West also tweeted a claim that he and Trump share "dragon energy," a picture of a #MAGA hat signed by Trump, a screenshot of Trump retweeting West, and the complaint "Obama was in office for eight years and nothing in Chicago changed."

West also shared a series of bizarre videos by "Dilbert" creator Scott Adams, which claim that racism is not a problem and can be overcome by positive thinking. This attracted retweets and positive comments from the far right.

The reaction to West's tweetstorms was largely negative. Snoop Dogg posted an Instagram message that West had gone "all white." John Legend and Chrissy Teigen got in an extended Twitter tussle with West, and Dr. Phil said the musician was empowering white supremacists. "#shallwesavehim" inquired Samuel L. Jackson on Twitter.

But "Ye" has apparently overcome that kerfuffle and some decidedly mixed reviews. On Wednesday, its Metacritic average was 65 out of 100, with Spin calling it "crudely formed" and The 405 labeling it "an ambitious misfire."

"Kanye West has always been a troll but there was once an empowering, heroic quality to his narcissism," complained Now magazine, calling "Ye" the product of "self-destructive celebrity."

Even Dr. Phil trashed Kanye's controversial tweets, saying the hip-hop star's empowering white supremacists. GETTY IMAGES

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Trump says summit removed North Korean nuke threat, Dems skeptical

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President Donald Trump said on Wednesday that North Korea no longer posed a nuclear threat and his top diplomat offered a hopeful timeline for "major disarmament," despite skepticism at home that Pyongyang will abandon its nuclear weapons following this week's summit.

Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un issued a joint statement after their historic meeting in Singapore on Tuesday that reaffirmed the North's commitment to "work toward complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula" and gave U.S. guarantees of security to North Korea.

Democratic critics in the United States said the agreement was short on detail and the Republican president had made too many concessions to Kim, whose country is under U.N. sanctions for its nuclear and weapons programs and is widely condemned for human rights abuses.

Just over half of Americans approve of how Trump has handled North Korea, but only a quarter think the summit will lead to the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, according to a Reuters/Ipsos opinion poll released on Wednesday.

Despite the lack of detail in the summit agreement, Trump stressed at a news conference afterward that he trusted Kim to follow through. He returned to Washington early on Wednesday and hailed the meeting, the first between a sitting U.S. president and a North Korean leader, as a major win for American security.

"Everybody can now feel much safer than the day I took office," Trump tweeted. "There is no longer a nuclear threat from North Korea. Meeting with Kim Jong Un was an interesting and very positive experience. North Korea has great potential for the future!" REUTERS

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Grumble Editor

Today, we have to get a little Grumble housekeeping out of the way. In the past, we've awarded five readers with $25 gift cards for their submissions to the Grumble. As much as we loved handing out all of that bounty week-by-week, we here at Grumble HQ decided to make this a little more competitive by choosing only one winner per week from now on.

Photo evidence provided by Sharon Gerber.

Don't get us wrong, this makes it much harder for us as you guys have been delivering the goods. No question about it. So — with all of that being said — here is this week's winning Grumble: Metro US reader **Alison Forde** and her rallying cry against women who leave "tendrils of hair in the sink" and forget to wipe the seats in the bathrooms at her office. Congratulations! You've earned the Grumble of the week and a **$25 gift card to Amazon**.

READER WRITE-INS:

NEWSPAPER BOX OR GARBAGE/TRASH CAN?
I'm very annoyed when I come across a free community newspaper box for a publication that I'm interested in reading, only to discover,upon opening the box, that it is filled with garbage/trash instead. Sometimes I don't even have to open the box because I can see that it is overflowing with litter.

Throughout the city, distributors of these free community newspapers have abandoned boxes that are being used as garbage/trash receptacles. Unfortunately the abandonment of these boxes have made it more difficult for people to find copies of these publications and has resulted in what have become eyesores and unsanitary fixtures in the neighborhoods in which the boxes are located.
- **Sharon Gerber**, *Metro Philly reader*

GIVE 'CASH ONLY' RESTAURANTS A BREAK!
The complaints about cash-only restaurants is annoying. I think restaurants are cash only in order to avoid the high cost that credit/debit card companies charge businesses.
- **Gloria Rohlfs**, *Metro Philly reader*

Grumble editor: Touché!

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Aries Learn all you can about someone before you open up about your personal life or intentions. Don't let anyone put demands or pressure on you. Implement a healthier lifestyle.

Taurus Don't make an unnecessary change. The cost will turn out to be far greater than what your budget can handle. Avoid unpredictable or argumentative individuals.

Gemini Listen carefully to what's being asked of you before you agree. Don't let someone from your past disrupt your personal or financial interests. Joint ventures are best avoided.

Cancer If you get creative and do things differently, you'll be surprised at the response you get. An open mind will help you bypass negativity. Bring joy into your life.

Leo Listen and respond from the heart. Being true to yourself and your beliefs will make your life easier. Don't let clutter and past problems hold you back.

Virgo Look at what you can accomplish, not at what you cannot. If you focus on friends, family and finding out all you can about your heritage, it will change how you move forward.

Libra You know what you must do, so stop procrastinating and start tying up loose ends. The less you leave undone, the fewer complaints you will face.

Scorpio You know what you must do, so stop procrastinating and start tying up loose ends. The less you leave undone, the fewer complaints you will face.

Sagittarius Someone will present something that sounds good, but get the lowdown and consider the consequences before you decide to get involved. Joint ventures aren't in your best interest.

Capricorn Sink your teeth into something you find mentally stimulating. What you discover will help you broaden your horizons and encourage you to make serious plans.

Aquarius Don't feel you must do things in a big way to get noticed. Your ability to innovate and stick to a budget will make a difference.

Pisces Confusion will set in when it comes to emotional matters. Set the record straight if someone gets the wrong impression. Personal improvements should be considered. Love is on the rise. EUGENIA LAST

How 'Deep State' compares to 'Game of Thrones'

Joe Dempsie opens up about the similarities between the two series.

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Joe Dempsie was well and truly thrown in the deep end when he joined "Deep State."

The action espionage thriller revolves around Mark Strong's retired MI6 agent returning to the Middle East to find Dempsie's missing field agent, who also just happens to be his son. That meant the actor had to undergo plenty of training, all of which he had to complete in just one week.

"I was actually in Los Angeles a week before production when I got the call to join the show," Dempsie tells Metro. "Immediately I was out in Morocco about to start on it. It all happened quite fast.

"I had used guns in various shows and films before. In terms of the technical side of things, that's what you really want to get right, and what really runs true," he adds. "You want those who have done it to think it is really legitimate. And that's mostly down to how you move and hold weapons and how you clear a room."

Sadly for Dempsie, after completing this intense training routine, the first week of production was even more brutal.

"In the first week of shooting, Mark Strong wasn't available, so it was heavily stacked to me and Karima," Dempsie admits. "So I had a scene in Farsi, one in Arabic, Karima and I had a sex scene, and we had known each other about five days, and I think there was an action scene in there as well."

Dempsie was still able to see the positive side of it, though.

"While it was exhausting, I was really thankful at the end of it that it had panned out that way, because I felt like I had a taste of every element the role required," Dempsie says. "No week after that was as tricky as that. That was a great thing about the show. It was demanding of its actors and its crew. There aren't scenes where people don't speak English for no reason, we're out in the Middle East and we talk the talk."

Such bold creative decisions were made by its creators Matthew Parkhill and Robert Connolly and approved by Fox Europe and Africa in the hope that "Deep State" would be able to go toe-to-toe with the best that television has to offer. Plus, since it was the first original commission of Fox Europe and Africa the company wanted it to make a big impression.

Of course, as the key character of Gendry on "Game Of Thrones," Dempsie is well accustomed to working on a show of such scale. In fact, Dempsie even sees some similarities between "Deep State" and HBO's monstrously successful fantasy epic.

"'Deep State' comes along on that same stream," Dempsie says. "It is ambitious, it looks stunning, it is complex, it doesn't spoon feed its audience, it is something you have to pay attention to. TV like 'Deep State' might not have been possible maybe five, definitely 10 years ago."

"Deep State" debuts on Epix Sunday, June 17, at 9 p.m.

"GOT" star Joe Dempsie shows off his espionage skills in "Deep State." FOX EUROPE & AFRICA

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The boys of "Queer Eye" are back. ALL PHOTOS NETFLIX

'Queer Eye' is the television show America *needs*

Season two of the hit show debuts this week on Netflix.

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Let's face it, Netflix's "Queer Eye" reboot could've gone either way.

For years, viewer appetites leaned toward reality shows that rewarded nastiness and narcissism, where contestants elbowed each other out of frame in pursuit of their five minutes of fame. And yet, shot in the Deep South in a post-Obama world, "Queer Eye's" overriding tone of kindness and acceptance struck a cord with audiences.

The people being made over were relatable, and there was a sense the new hosts weren't just slapping a coat of paint on the walls and dressing a pig in a wig for the cameras. They seemed to care about the people who's lives they were meddling with.

The new Fab Five — Jonathan, Karamo, Antoni, Tan and Bobby — suddenly made kindness cool again, but most of all, it was fun. Viewers watched an episode and felt good about the world.

The much-anticipated season two has evolved the brand again, with the show's first trans and female makeovers. Shot back to back with season one, season two retains the same energy and optimism that made the first so charming.

Part of what has made "Queer Eye" work is how much of their own story the hosts have been willing to share. While the standout moment of season one was undoubtedly Karamo's

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Kidness and compassion are at the heart of this rebooted reality series.

discussion with a white policeman about his teenage son being afraid of getting his license, this season it's Bobby's story of being shunned by his church and family for being gay.

In a candid discussion with church elder Tammye, the show's first female makeover (who also initially struggled with her son coming out), Bobby recalls "begging god not to be gay." During filming, he quietly refuses to enter the church where Tammye is an usher, standing a little broken by the door. The episode is deeply enriched for his honest, raw vulnerability.

However, episode five is the most groundbreaking of the season. It opens with gut-wrenching footage of a trans-man having top-surgery — the removal of his breasts — and the audience watch alongside the "Queer Eye" team as Skyler, groggy from surgery, sees himself for the first time.

Skyler's story shows just how diverse the LGBTQ experience is, offering insight into the emotional toll, physical complications and huge financial burden of being a trans person with a level of sincerity that a show like "I Am Cait" could never manage. To their credit, the Fab Five own up to their own lack of awareness, carefully articulating the question most audiences would ask: why would someone put themselves through this?

It's moving, educational and empathetic–if you only watch one episode, this is it.

Of course, most episodes are light, and for viewers, there are some genuine, fist-pumping moments as lovers connect, fathers shine, and people embrace change. It's clear that most people who appear on the show seem better for the experience, and what's most remarkable is that viewers are better for taking the journey with them.

It's a fine balance, but "Queer Eye" manages to explore important issues of gender, identity, race religion and sexuality in modern America, both educating and entertaining audiences without alienating them. "Queer Eye" is the TV show America needs, and like season one, there's no doubt viewers will tune in.

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5 *Last-minute* Father's Day gifts on Amazon

Don't forget to get dad something nice! KATELYN CHEY

No, the calendar isn't deceiving you. Father's Day is this Sunday, June 17. Didn't have time to shop for Dad? No worries, we have the perfect quick solution. Check out our guide to five last-minute Father's Day gifts on Amazon you can order before this weekend.

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Where to watch the World Cup 2018 in Philly

Plan ahead, soccer fans.

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The 2018 World Cup will take place in Russia, but there are plenty of places to watch in Philly. GETTY IMAGES

Wondering where to watch the World Cup 2018 in Philly? It kicks off June 14 and runs through July 15. This time around, the World Cup is in Russia, and while nothing quite beats experiencing the action live and in-person, getting your friends together to watch the matches in Philly is a winning way to spend the weekend. Here our picks for where to watch the World Cup 2018 in Philly.

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Your best bet for watching the most matches of the tournament is Brauhaus Schmitz. It will be open at 9:30 a.m. for every game day. If there's one that begins earlier, it will decide to open early based on demand. It's even brought in extra TVs so there's a great view no matter where you are. You can also enjoy beer specials and giveaways throughout the 2018 World Cup. For all the German matches, there is a $10 cover for general admission (also buys your first beer) and a $60 VIP cover, which gets you backroom access and bottomless beer from one hour prior to the beginning of a match to the final whistle. On July 15, there will be a big party for the final match that encompasses the 700 block of South St.

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BRU Craft & Wurst will be open during regular hours for World Cup watching, starting at 11 a.m. daily. Beginning June 25, however, it will open at 10 a.m. so you can watch all games. It's got a ton of flat-screen TVs and a delicious menu. For games beginning before noon, you can get $4 select drafts, and downstairs at U-Bahn, it'll be hosting parties for the finals and semi-finals.

Garage Fishtown
100 E. Girard Ave.
garagephilly.com
On Sunday, June 17, Garage Fishtown will be opening early at 11 a.m. to host a viewing event with the FITC (Fishtown Futbol Club) for the Germany vs. Mexico World Cup game, which kicks off at the same time. There will be specials from Love City Brewing in addition to New Liberty Distillery's bloody butcher whiskey and proceeds from the event will benefit the Kensington Soccer Club. Garage Fishtown boasts nine flat screen TVs, and while it won't be opening early for other matches, it's a great place to watch the World Cup if it's open.

James Philadelphia
1835 Arch St.
jamesphiladelphia.com
Enjoy American cuisine while enjoying the international flavor of the 2018 World Cup at James Philadelphia. It will open at 10 a.m. so you can watch the matches and have a $5 bacon bloody Mary and a $5 mimosa on the menu, along with Coors Light and Yuengling drafts for $4. Brunch begins at 11 a.m. this weekend, so you can feast while you watch.

YOUR WEEKEND STARTS NOW

FOOD & DRINK

Brews and Bites

Conveniently timed with Father's Day, this sixth annual edition of Brews and Bites, held along the Delaware River waterfront, featuring breweries like Naked Brewing Co., Broken Goblet, Neshaminy Creek Brewing Co., Saint Benjamin's Brewing Co. and wineries like Stone & Key and Blackledge. VIP tickets net you free food samplings and a souvenir tasting glass.
June 16, 4 p.m.
Pennsbury Manor
400 Pennsbury Memorial Road, Morrisville
pennsburymanor.org, $25

Art in the Age Father's Day Cocktails

Those looking to keep dad feeling a little classy—but still wanting to experiment with a little something different—can indulge in this limited menu from Art in the Age, featuring four all-new, dad-themed cocktails. Among the offerings from the artisan company: the Old Major, essentially a bacon Old Fashioned; the Lumberjack Stack, a play on a New York Sour; the Five O'Clock Shadow, akin to a Flip; and the Dad Bob, a n even more spicy Bloody Mary.
June 17
Art in the Age
116 N. Third St.
artintheage.com

LGBT

Bradley's Bucks

The troupe of in-house dancers dazzle monthly with a combination of props, music, thoughtful lighting and spectacular—often, sexy—movements. "Humankind," the latest performance, features black light artists Archedream as special guests.
June 16, 8 p.m.
Franky Bradley's
1320 Chancellor St.
frankybradleys.com
$15

Sexual Pleasure 101

Galia Godel, a sexuality educator with a master's in human sexuality from Widener University, hosts this Sex Ed 101 for adults, teaching the biology of pleasure, with bedroom tips for solo guests and those who bring their partners. Bring a notebook.
June 17, 3 p.m.
Kink Shoppe
126 Market St.
kinkshoppe.com, $20

FOOD & DRINK

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Rex 1516 Father's Day Dinner

If Dad's a man of hearty comfort foods, Rex's Southern-inspired supper will guarantee smiles and delight: On the menu is smoked brisket pork, a hot link sausage, pickes and onions, with two fixin's. The enormous and meaty meal is offered at a reasonable flat rate, to boot.
June 17
Rex 1516, 1516 South St.
rex1516.com, $30

FOOD & DRINK

Rainbow Pride Wine Flight

Quite simply, Jet Wine Bar lights up the month of Pride with a flight of rainbow-colored wines—in a three- or six-wine tasting flight. Among some off the wines, find a Sangiovese Rose (orange), Gruner Vetliner (green) and a Mavrud (purple).
Through June 30, Jet Wine Bar
jetwinebar.com, $12

FILM

"Casablanca"

Best Picture winner "Casablanca" gets a screening for this summer-nights film under the stars. The story follows the owner of a Moroccan nightclub as he embarks on a journey to flee the country with an old flame.
June 14, 7 p.m.
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At 10 am at 7049 Frankford Ave., Phila., PA 19135
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At 10 am at 5440 North 6th Street, Phila., PA 19120
#2304 Natosha Brown, 228 Tiara Bouknight, 11 Germain Coulibaly, 3309 Tonisha Denton, 316 Joseph Dixon, 307 Kera Fisher, 2302 Wakeda Grant, 312 Esther Greene, 229 Darrick Hall, 314 Nzinga Lee, 225 Ivonne Mathis, 1407 Christopher Thornton, 13 Tonisha Ward, 3301 Latisha Wiley.
At 10 am at 5026 Ridge Ave., Phila., PA 19128
#6 Stevie Butler, 236 Naeem Carter, 268 Walter Coles Jr., 1215 George Felts, 228 Katherine Jenkins, 493 Gary Luckey, 225 Antoinette Moore, 469 Paul Olsen, 2948 Robert Porter Jr., 107 Michael K Roy, 489 Chris Reed, 1509 Michelle Scott, 498 Anthony Turner, 707 Corrie Warfield, 416 Gale Williams.
At 10 am at 6758 Ridge Ave., Phila., PA 19128
206 John Fusco, 201 Anthony Boris, 32 Albert Mc Fadden, 62 Robert Ferreira, 164 Sylvia Winbush, 156 Gina Tanella, 99 Michael Paquin.
At 10 am at N. Eagle Rd., Havertown, PA 19083
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June 14, 8:30 p.m.
Schuylkill River
Adjacent Wharton Street
schuylkillbanks.org, Free

MUSIC

Hayley Kiyoko

A rising pop artist and former Disney star, her music video for "Girls Like Girls" accrued 91 million views on YouTube, and has since built a cult following internationally. Her first full studio album, "Expectations," released in March.
June 14, 8 p.m.
Theater of Living Arts
334 South St.
tlaphilly.com, $20

Fish Tank

For its third weekend, the Fish Tank pop-up beer garden—operated by The Fillmore, Punch Line Philadelphia and Philadelphia Distilling—brings picnic tables, games and a cocktail menu that includes refreshing slush drinks. This week, find live art as entertainment.
June 16, 7 p.m.
Fish Tank, 29 E. Allen St.
thefillmorephilly.com
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Bruce Hornsby and the Noisemakers

Hornsby came to fame with "The Way It Is," a legendary, turn-the-radio-up kind of pop song from the 1980s. He's since collaborated with all-star performers like Bob Dylan and Bonnie Raitt and, in this performance, joins with touring band The Noisemakers.
June 16, 7 p.m.
Xcite Center
2999 Street Rd.
parxcasino.com, $49

COMEDY

John Heffron

John Heffron came to prominence as the winner of "Last Comic Standing," vaulted from that platform right into late-night shows like "Chelsea Lately" and VH1's popular "I Love The ..." series. He's known for acts about middle-class life and family dynamics.
Through June 16
Helium Comedy Club
2031 Sansom St.
Philadelphia.heliumcomedy.com
$17

PARTIES

Fringe-A-Thon

Doubling as a fundraiser and one of Fringe's most wild events of the year, guests are challenged to dance for a full 12 hours, filling the time with dance lessons and, of course, a variety of performance artists—from BalletX to John Jarboe. For the "halftime show," catch a performance by the Philadelphia Eagles' drumline.
June 16, 12 p.m.
Schmidt's Commons
1001 N. Second St.
fringeathon.com, $35

THEATER

"An Act of God"

This bite-size play, spanning 90 minutes with no intermission, ends its run this weekend. The story follows God's return to Earth, bringing a new set of 10 Commandments in this comedy written by David Javerbaum of "The Daily Show."
Through June 16
Bucks County Playhouse
70 S. Main St., New Hope
bcptheater.org, $40

MUSEUMS

Programming from Scratch

Guests get to be game designers for a day, building a game controller, learning about coding for game development, and then make their own game—all in kid-friendly language. The game to be developed, guided by Franklin Institute educators, features Ben Franklin as a character.
June 17, 11 a.m.
The Franklin Institute
222 N. 20th St., fi.edu, $35

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2038 Amber Russell air conditioner, children's toys, bed, couch, bicycle, boxes and totes;
2058 Sherell Highsmith fan, heater, chair, table, bags and boxes;
5076 Sherwin Raven chair, dresser, mattress, TV, bags and boxes.

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Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell the contents of leased spaces to satisfy Extra Space's lien at the location indicated: **6204 Oxford Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19111. June 20, 2018** at **2:30PM**

B122 Cornelius Sellers Jr, B188C Jvon Levar Lewis, B193C Angelic C. Walcott, B213C Kimberly B. Burley, C184C Darryl K. Richardson, C197C Darryl K. Richardson, C215C Sallybeth Mcmenamin, V121 Neltha Telismond, V168 Arlene L. Lyons.

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27 - Joey Adams, 65 - Belen Clark, 245 - Shahida Jefferson, 275 - Lorraine Geraghty, 315 - Corey Robert Humes, 337 - Makhail Tsypkin, 384 - Christina Norris, 613 - Antonio Benson

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4066 Ebony Jones; 3289 Carlos Mourino; 3277 Jennifer Lester; 5108 Christian Emma; 0021 Crystal Thompson.

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UNIT: 2168 DARDEN, DEARON
UNIT: 1199 DUNHAM, DARRYL
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UNIT: 1126 MCCLEARY, DOMINIC
UNIT: 2055 MIDDLEY, ROBIN
UNIT: 1090 MOLINA, LESLIE
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What to watch

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MESSI'S LEGACY

Argentina's Lionel Messi is one of the undisputed gods of soccer due to his overwhelming success with Spanish club Barcelona.

However, the talisman has been unable to achieve any sort of major international success with his home nation. With this being Messi's final World Cup, his legacy is on the line. How can he be considered the greatest ever, better than Pele, if he is unable to deliver Argentina with its first World Cup title in 32 years?

FIFA WORLD CUP
RUSSIA 2018

SALAH'S SHOULDER

Mohamed Salah single-handedly delivered Egypt to its first World Cup Finals in 28 years, but his status for the competition, along with his country's hopes, are in jeopardy.

The talented Liverpool man dislocated his shoulder in the Champions League Final against Real Madrid and it is still unclear if he will be able to take part in the tournament or not. Egypt's first game is Friday in Group A action against Uruguay.

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Which literally translates from Russian to English as "GOALSCORER."

AFTER REVIEW...

For the first time ever at the World Cup, Video Assistant Refereeing will be used to ensure that all close plays are judged correctly.

World Cup officials have been instructed to keep their flags down on close offsides decisions and fans will be shown replays on scoreboards during the game.

Along with offsides calls, VAR will also be used on goals, red cards and ensuring the right player is assessed a foul.

In a rowdy environment that Russia is sure to supply, making sure the correct calls prevail is paramount to the success of the competition.

MOST WORLD CUP TITLES

BRAZIL- 5
GERMANY- 4
ITALY- 4
ARGENTINA- 2
URUGUAY- 2

CHANGE IN SPAIN

It's been a whirlwind of a past 48 hours for the Spanish national team, who is expected to make a deep run in Russia. Manager Julen Lopetegui, who took over for 2010 World Cup winner Vicente del Bosque two years ago, was revealed as the new manager of Real Madrid yesterday.

His actions enraged the RFEF so much that he was sacked just days before Spain's Group B opener against rivals Portugal.

Fernando Hierro, who was working as an administrator with the RFEF, will take over as manager. The 50-year-old represented the country as a player in the 1990, 1994 and 1998 World Cups.

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CAN GERMANY WIN ANOTHER WORLD CUP?

If the last four World Cups are indicative of anything, it's that Germany is going to go far in this year's competition.

Since 2002, Germany hasn't finished worse than third at the World Cup and won the whole thing in 2010, defeating Lionel Messi and Argentina.

Behind Toni Kroos, Mesut Ozil and Thomas Muller, it would be more of a shock if the Germans didn't advance to at least the quarterfinals this year.

BRAZIL'S REDEMPTION

Brazil is the most successful nation when it comes to the World Cup with five titles to its name and considered the gold standard when it comes to playing on the international stage.

However, Brazil comes into the 2018 World Cup with the lingering stench of a semifinal beatdown at the hands of Germany four years ago in their very own country.

The Germans embarrassed Brazil with a 7-1 victory on their way to the World Cup title. But Brazil is back with a healthy Neymar and an improved defense which once again makes them a favorite to do well this summer.

MEET THE NEW GUYS

Russia will welcome two World Cup debutants in Iceland and Panama, two nations that have never made it this far on the international stage.

Panama's qualification came at the expense of the United States, the Americans finishing just one point behind them and Honduras for the final spots out of CONCACAF.

Iceland is the smallest nation that has ever taken part in a World Cup Finals with just 335,000 inhabitants. The European nation became the darlings of the world after a Cinderella run to the quarterfinals in Euro 2016.

MEXICO'S CURSE

With no United States in the World Cup this year, Mexico will be the favorite of many Americans.

Unlike the stars and stripes, Mexico has been incredibly consistent in this competition, making the Round of 16 in each of the last six tournaments.

The problem is, El Tri has been unable to go any further, their last trip to the quarterfinals coming in 1986 when it hosted.

In order to do so, it will have to navigate a tricky Group F that contains Germany and Sweden.

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Crawford making strides for Phillies

The shortstop is starting to make things happen at the plate.

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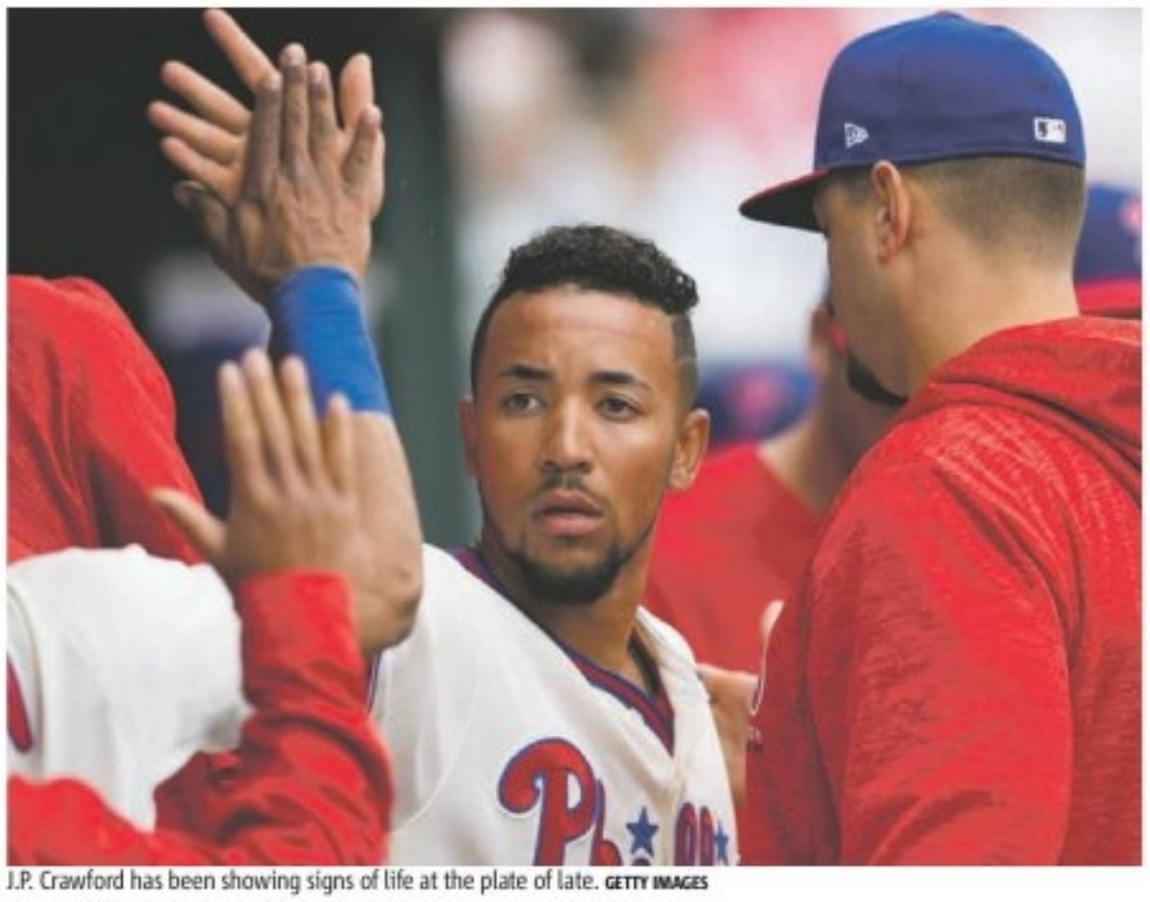

J.P. Crawford has been showing signs of life at the plate of late. GETTY IMAGES

If you took a poll of Philadelphia Phillies fans and asked them who has been the biggest disappointment on the team in 2018, there would be a clear answer – shortstop J.P. Crawford.

Crawford, selected with the 16th overall pick by the Phillies in the 2013 MLB draft, hasn't been able to find his footing quite yet in the big leagues.

In 79 at-bats this season, Crawford is batting a mere .203 with a .276 on-base percentage. He missed all of May with a right forearm strain that sent him to the disabled list.

But since returning from the DL on June 6, Crawford has shown signs of life. Last Sunday, he went 2-for-4 from the plate and scored a run in a 4-3 Phillies win over the Milwaukee Brewers.

He's batted 4-for-15 (.267) in six games since returning to the lineup.

"I'm feeling good," Crawford said after the win. "The confidence never dropped. I was just having some tough breaks."

Crawford started in place of Phillies slugger Maikel Franco at third base on Sunday. It was the fourth start in a row he got in place of Franco. Manager Gabe Kapler decided to bat him ninth, in the pitcher's position, which ended up paying dividends for the Phillies.

"If I see my name in the lineup, at the end of the day, I'm happy I'm playing. I don't care where I hit," Crawford said. "Wherever they put me at, I'm going to try my hardest and help my team win a ballgame that night. Whether I'm seventh, I'm ninth, first, second, third, I don't care where I'm at. I just want to be in the lineup every day."

Although, Scott Kingery has been manning shortstop in place of Crawford the past month, many see Kingery as too good of a prospect to act as a sub. Sitting Franco, who's been struggling at the plate as of late and isn't as strong defensively, makes the most sense.

"I've never been in that situation before," Franco said of playing part-time. "I can't tell you if it's going to work or not. I'm not used to it because all my career, even in the minor leagues, I played every single day. When I came here I played every single day, too. I don't know if that's going to work. I don't know how that's going to go. But I'll just try to figure it out."

The Phillies will wrap-up their three-game series with the Colorado Rockies on Thursday. After that, they'll face the Brewers on the road over the weekend.

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.356

J.P. Crawford had an OBP of .356 last season but has just a .276 OBP so far this year.

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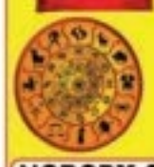

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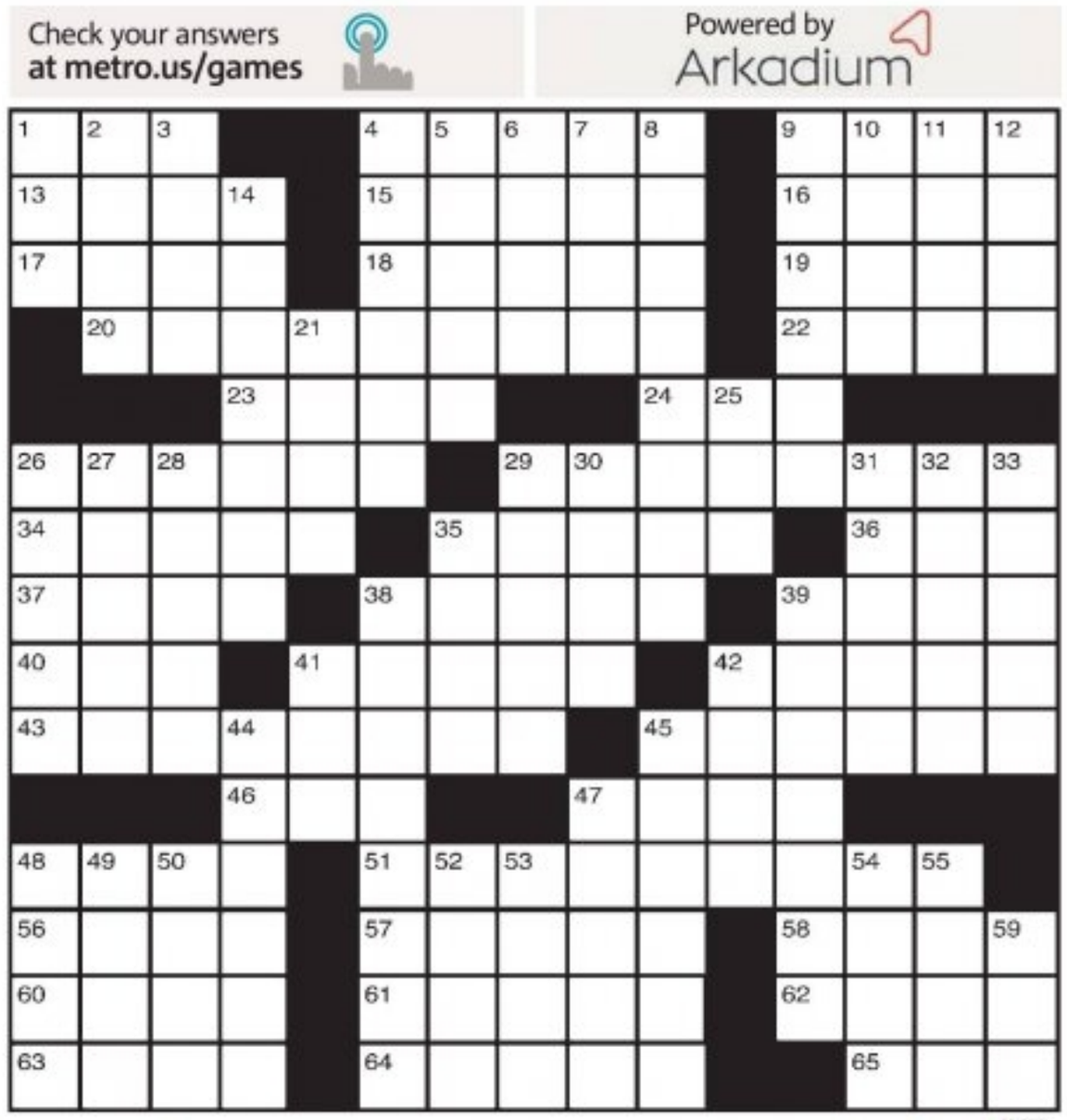

ACROSS

1 Fraternity letter
4 __ one's time; waits
9 Bathtub ring, for example
13 Grooves
15 "Don't spend __ in one place"
16 Cod or Canaveral
17 __ in a blue moon; rarely
18 Warm jacket
19 Hilarious person
20 Lacking remorse
22 Travel stops
23 Woman
24 Show-off
26 Elevator alternative
29 Masters of small ships
34 Foot locker
35 Thick string
36 Pistol
37 Ladder step
38 Part of a fork
39 Sort; variety
40 Put on an __; be insincere
41 Melon or pumpkin
42 Traditional Sioux home
43 Bugged
45 Placard
46 Damp
47 Use a sieve
48 Mongolian desert
51 Problem with doublespeak
56 Log splitters
57 For the time __; temporarily
58 Nourish
60 __ as a pin
61 Oversize
62 Period of time
63 Wildebeests
64 Concluded
65 Bashful

DOWN

1 In favor of
2 Phoenix team
3 Reason to apply calamine lotion
4 Two-footed creatures
5 Florence's land
6 Be bold
7 BPOE members
8 Cutting with rough wide strokes
9 Pinch pennies
10 Abel's killer
11 "Once __ a time..."
12 New York team
14 Making airtight
21 Gospel writer
25 Ridicule
26 Part of a purse, usually
27 Cease-fire
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31 Cairo's nation
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35 Factual
38 Easily carried
39 Bear witness under oath
41 Seventh letter
42 Health nut's lunch
44 Swivels
45 __ out; overate
47 Burn slightly
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